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**John E. McDermott**  
Magistrate Judge

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**Rita C. Federman**

Magistrate Judge (Part-Time)

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Number of Vacancies: 2

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**Vincent P. Zurzolo**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
Education: UC San Diego 1978 BA;  
UC Davis 1982 JD  
Began Service: April 18, 1988  
Term Expires: April 2016

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger LLP (1982-1988)

**Current Memberships:** Los Angeles County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of California

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**Barry Russell**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: UCLA 1962 BS, 1966 JD  
Began Service: September 1974  
Term Expires: August 2014

**Academic:** Faculty member, Federal Judicial Center; Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry (Law), University of Southern California

**Government:** Estate & Gift Tax Examiner, California, United States Department of the Treasury (1966-1967); Deputy Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, County of Los Angeles, California (1967-1970); Assistant United States Attorney, Central District of California, United States Department of Justice (1970-1974)

**Judicial:** Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit (1988-1999); President, Federal Bar Association (1990-1991); Presiding Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Ninth Circuit (1999-2001); Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California (2003-2007)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American College of Bankruptcy; Federal Bar Association; Los Angeles County Bar Association

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**Geraldine Mund**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Brandeis 1965 BA; Smith 1967 MS;  
Loyola Marymount 1977 JD  
Began Service: February 1984  
Term Expires: August 2014

**Academic:** Assistant Supervisor Physical Activities, University of California System (1967-1971)

**Judicial:** Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California (1997-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Frandzel & Share (1977-1982); Partner, Frandzel & Share (1982-1984)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; Los Angeles County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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**Samuel L. Bufford**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1964 BA;  
Texas 1969 PhD; Michigan 1973 JD  
Began Service: 1985  
Term Expires: March 2014

**Academic:** Instructor of Philosophy, Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (1967-1968); Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Eastern Michigan University (1968-1974); Guest Lecturer, University of Geneva (1973-1974); Assistant Professor of Law and Adjunct Assistant Professor, City and Regional Planning, Ohio State University (1975-1977); Visiting Lecturer, Harvard Law School (2004-2005)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP (1974-1975); Sullivan, Jones & Archer (1977-1979); Attorney, Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP (1979-1981); Rifkind & Sterling (1981-1982); Gendel, Raskoff, Shapiro & Quittner (1982-1985)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; National Conference of Federal Trial Judges, American Bar Association; Los Angeles County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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**Robert N. Kwan**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Yale 1975 BA  
Began Service: February 2007  
Term Expires: February 2021

**Government:** Assistant U.S. Attorney, Tax Division, California - Central District, United States Department of Justice

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Term Expires: 2011

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